

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (PATENT)

## Reply under 37 CFR 1.116 - Expedited Procedure - Technology Center 2400

In re Application of : Customer Number: 43471  
Inventor: Eric C. Metz et al. : Confirmation Number: 1071  
Serial No. 10/765,349 : Group Art Unit: 2423  
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For: BAND LIMITED PORT AGGREGATION IN A DIGITAL RETURN PATH CATV SYSTEM

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Mail Stop – AF  
Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 15, 2009 have a shortened statutory period of response set to expire on July 15, 2009, a petition for a one month extension of time up to and including August 17, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending rejection for the reasons set forth below.